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First Issue – This is the inaugural issue of the Los Gatos/Monte Sereno CERT Program newsletter. It will be published 6 times a year in the months between our regularly scheduled neighborhood meetings.

CERT Classes – Monday, April 24th is the start of our next series of training classes. This session will be held over a two-week period ending on Saturday, May 6th. Visit our Web site (losgatosca.gov/town_services) and scroll down to Police Services and Emergency Preparedness for more information. or, e-mail the CERT office at: cert@losgatosca.gov and we'll forward you a schedule.

All CERT grads are encouraged to keep up their emergency response skills by attending as many of these sessions as their schedules allow. The next set of training classes will be in September.

Call for Volunteers – We still need CERT grads and “victims” for our simulated training exercise on Saturday, May 6th. If you are interested in helping out at one of the exercises’ venues (S & R, Med. Treatment, or Damage Assessment) or being one of our “victims”, call the CERT office at 399-5722 and leave your name and phone no. and/or e-mail address and we'll get back with you.

CERT Central – CERT graduates who do not belong to a neighborhood group are invited to join our Central group that will be home based out of the Town's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The requirements for this group are the same as those who belong to one of our neighborhood groups, i.e., maintain your emergency response skills through periodic attendance at our regularly scheduled training classes, and equip yourself with the basic equipment that was identified during your CERT classes. In

turn, you will be provided with a photo ID card signifying your status as a Disaster Service Worker (DSW). For further information about the Central group, either call or e-mail the CERT office.

Additional Instructors – We have added 9 new instructors to our training staff. Lynda Brown, Bert Fry, Norma Irace, Ford Johnson, Dorothy Miller, Jackie Rose and Dorothy Smith will assist at our Disaster Medicine class to facilitate the hands-on instruction. With the addition of these volunteers, more time can be spent tutoring the students in the areas of triaging, bleeding control, and applying slings and splints. Rich Mallonee from the Campbell CERT organization will instruct our Light Search and Rescue class. Rich is a former paramedic, Disaster Response member of the National Regulatory Commission (NRC) and was part of the first group of Red Cross personnel allowed into New Orleans following Katrina. Officer Steve Walpole of the LG/MD P.D. has been added to the staff to share the instruction duties with Sgt. Kerry Harris in the Terrorism class.

Next Neighborhood Meeting – Tuesday, May 16th at 7 pm in the Los Gatos Neighborhood Center. The agenda includes: (1) Distribution of the new Neighborhood Survey form that will be used in all LG/MS neighborhoods. (2) Deciding which of our neighborhoods will be surveyed next. (3) The status of our CERT trailer. (4) Display of recommended Command Post equipment for our neighborhoods. (5) Guest speaker from our 911 Dispatch Center who will tell us about a day in the life of a 911 Dispatcher.

CERT NEWSLETTER – Next publication will be the first week of June. We welcome your comments and input to further issues.